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Aruba Lions Club announces Oranjebal 2011



Left to right: Claret Lopez, President of the Aruba chapter of Lion's Club International; and former governor Olindo Koolman and wife Dora enjoy the first Oranjebal.

Aruba Lion's Club, which has been chartered in Aruba as a non-profit service organization since 1948, announced its annual major fundraiser, the Oranjebal-Orange Ball, which has been an enormous success since 2008, will again take place at the Renaissance Convention Center in Oranjestad on April 30, 2011.

This gala event is a celebration of Queen's Birthday and the House of Orange, the

royal house of Holland. The cost is 175 Aruban florin per person (\$100), which includes premium drinks, dinner buffet and fabulous doorprizes, with entertainment by popular local band Oreo and Tsunami. Tickets are available through all Lions Club members, and at their headquarters.

For more information and to purchase they also can be contacted by calling 592-0868 or e-mail heeruiz@

gmail.com. Claret Lopez, President of the Aruba chapter of Lions Club International remind the community that this is an important part of the service organization's annual fundraising campaigns, and encourages all to come and enjoy a congenial evening while supporting worthwhile causes and the community.

by Rosalie Klein

Aruba bracing itself for higher utility bills

ORANJESTAD -- In a recent press conference director of Aruba's water plant, WEB NV, Oslin Boekhoudt and director of the electrical company, ELMAR NV, Robert Henriquez, announced that water and electrical tariffs will be increased. They also explained some of the reasons for the increase and what they have already done, and are doing and are planning to yet do to help reduce the consumption of Fuel Oil;

and to bring about a reduction of our dependence on Fuel Oil.

As was known, our utility companies have been contemplating for some time an increase of the utility tariffs in view of the latest global developments with respect to the price of Fuel Oil and the effects that this will have on the companies' operational expenses for the production of water and electricity.

They were hoping that the

situation would have normalized in the short term, but after following the developments over the past months everything indicates that there will be no change and that the price of Fuel Oil will remain high as it now stands. Thus, both WEB NV and ELMAR NV feel obliged to increase the water and electricity tariffs.

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Minister's beautification idea applauded

ORANJESTAD -- On Wednesday during a press conference, director of Aruba's Airport, Peter Steinmetz installed the Air Art Committee charged with the job of beautifying the airport. The director reported that it was Minister Otmar Oduber who suggested that our culture and history should be incorporated in the beautification program of the airport.

Steinmetz indicated that they have been working for the past years on improving the service to passengers and that they are now in the next phase, which is the beautification process. This phase will allow them to emphasize the Aruban identity to our visitors. In view of the fact that the airport is the first and last impressions of our visitors, they are intent on making this a permanently positive impression.

Visitors should be exposed to the pleasant elements of the island; the tropical atmosphere, the Aruba brand, the history and local products of the island. This effort will be achieved through a combined effort with the ministry of Tourism, Transport and Labor, according to the airport director.

Steinmetz had words of praise for the support received from the minister for their various propositions and for Oduber's inspiration.

The Air Art Committee was brought into existence as an advisory body to the airport management with respect to

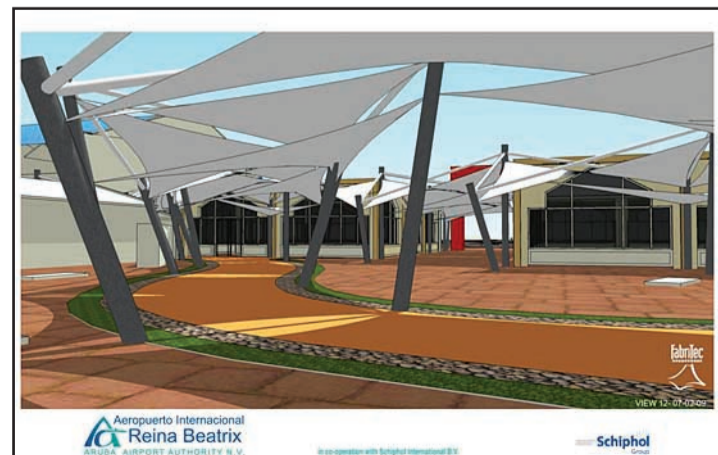


Minister Oduber

the beautification project. Members of the Air Art Committee are: Ciro Abath, Adi Martis, Myrna Jansen, Claudia Ruiz-Vasquez and Stan Kuiperi.

Minister Arthur Dowers who represented the absent Otmar Oduber remarked that we now have the opportunity to bring back some of the features that identify the Caribbean-Aruban identity to our airport.

He cited a popular English expression which states: "You never get a second chance to make a first impression." And, he continued, ... "this project that you are implementing will not only give that good first impression, but also an impression that will live on in the hearts of those who put foot on our airport for the first time."



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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

Ban condemns 'cowardly' killing of UN workers



UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - UN chief Ban Ki-moon slammed the "cowardly" deadly attack yesterday on a compound in Afghanistan that left at least seven UN staff and guards dead.

The UN Security Council called emergency consultations on Afghanistan after a mob entered the UN operations center in the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif to protest the burning of a Koran, the holy book of Islam, by a US pastor. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the

violence.

"This was an outrageous and cowardly attack against UN staff, which cannot be justified under any circumstances," Ban said on a visit to Nairobi.

The attack was the worst suffered by the world body since a bomb blast at the UN compound in Algiers in 2007 in which 17 staff were killed.

The four Nepalese Gurkha guards killed a number of protesters before they were overcome, said a UN official. An Afghan provincial governor said five Afghans were killed.

A 33-year-old Swede, Joakim Dungel, was among the dead, the government in Stockholm announced. A Swedish woman working for the UN in Ivory Coast, Zahra Abidi, was killed by a stray bullet in the country's conflict on Thursday.

Norway said that one of its nationals was also killed in Mazar-i-Sharif.

UN deputy spokesman

Farhan Haq opened the regular daily briefing with a minute of silence. Haq gave the official toll as four Nepalese guards and three other international staff dead.

"We are working to ascertain the facts and take care of all of our staff," he said.

Ban's special representative in Afghanistan, Staffan De Mistura, was in Mazar-i-Sharif dealing with the crisis, a UN official said separately. Ban said he had ordered the envoy to take all necessary measures to protect UN staff.

Protests against the burning of the Koran in the United States were also held in Kabul, where demonstrators shouted slogans against the United States, Israel and Britain.

Afghanistan has condemned the "disrespectful and abhorrent" burning of the Koran by evangelical preacher Wayne Sapp at a renegade Florida church, calling it an effort to incite tension between religions.

Libya rebel truce offer spurned amid battle for Brega

TRIPOLI, Libya (AFP) - A Libyan rebel conditional ceasefire offer yesterday was spurned by the regime of Moamer Kadhafi as their forces battled each other for the oil town of Brega.

Transitional National Council leader Mustafa Abdul Jalil said in rebel bastion Benghazi that the opposition was ready for a truce provided Kadhafi's forces end their assaults on rebel-held cities.

But in Tripoli, government spokesman Mussa Ibrahim rejected the offer, saying Kadhafi's forces would not withdraw from towns they control.

"The rebels never offered peace. They don't offer peace, they are making impossible demands," Ibrahim told reporters, calling the truce offer a "trick."

"We will not leave our cities. We are the government, not them," he said, adding however that the government was always ready to negotiate and wanted peace.

Asked about the rebel ceasefire offer, White House spokesman Jay Carney appeared to indicate that the administration of US President

Barack Obama did not want the conflict in Libya to end with Kadhafi still in power.

Abdul Jalil's truce offer came two days after rebels were driven out of a string of key oil terminals in eastern Libya they had twice seized during the weeks-old revolt aimed at toppling Kadhafi's 41-year-old regime.

In Washington, Carney said: "The president's position is that Moamer Kadhafi is no longer fit to lead, he has lost legitimacy in the eyes of his people and the world. It is not his position that Kadhafi should stay in power.

Meanwhile, it was clear on Friday that the rebels were intent on cleaning up their act -- keeping civilians and raw recruits away from the frontline.

After weeks of near anarchy, the Benghazi-based leaders of the insurrection seem to be putting their house in order in an attempt to combat the better-organized Kadhafi loyalists.

The rebels said on Friday they have signed a deal with Qatar to market their crude oil abroad in exchange for food, medicine and -- they hope -- weapons.

Hackers infect websites to dupe Internet users

SAN FRANCISCO, California (AFP) - Computer security firm Websense yesterday was warning that hackers have infected a huge number of websites with malicious code crafted to dupe Internet users.

Hundreds of thousands of legitimate websites have been boobytrapped to redirect visitors to "lizamoon" addresses where they are greeted with bogus warnings that their computers have been compro-

mised, according to Websense.

The ruse is designed to frighten people into downloading and installing fake anti-virus software, referred to as "scare-ware," portrayed as a Windows Security Center.

People who fall for the ploy, perhaps even paying for downloads, are actually installing malicious software that hackers can use to their advantage.

15 killed in two gun attacks in Mexico's Ciudad Juarez

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AFP) - Fifteen people, including a 10-year-old child, died in two separate armed attacks in Mexico's most violent city of Ciudad Juarez, local officials said Friday.

Nine men and one woman died in a shootout in a busy bar near a border post with the United States overnight Thursday, according to a spokesman for the attorney general's office of Chihuahua state, where Juarez lies.

Witnesses said 16 armed masked men entered "El Castillo" bar, near an international bridge which links the city to El Paso, Texas, and fired indiscriminately.

Early Friday, a group of men armed with assault weapons attacked a nearby food stall where four men and a 10-year-old child were eating, killing them all, said a local police office who requested anonymity.

Ciudad Juarez, with 1.2 million inhabitants, is Mexico's most violent city and registered more than 3,100 killings last year alone.

Drug gangs, particularly linked to the Sinaloa and Juarez cartels, are blamed for much of the violence in battles for control of lucrative drug trafficking routes into the United States.

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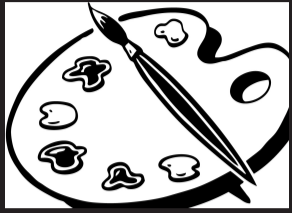
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Mainstreet Shopping Bazaars organized by MAMBO

ORANJESTAD -- Although the project to beautify our mainstreet has already started MAMBO, the Association of Merchants for a Better Mainstreet, in name of all its members, reminds all inhabitants that the doors of the stores are wide open, offering a wide variety of merchandise at very attractive prizes.



And as incentive to keep buying in the main street, MAMBO has put together a schedule full of buying spree days for one and all.

On these days there will also be bazaars, the much liked sidewalk sale.

MAMBO is very much aware of the difficult times for its members during the construction period; it is difficult for them to keep their turnover at an acceptable level, reason why these bazaars.

Besides creating an entertaining ambiance in the mainstreet, citizens can make good use of the different bar-

gains on all kinds of merchandise.

The bazaars will be on the following dates:

April 2, May 7 (Mother's Day), June 18 (Father's Day), July 2, July 30, September 30, October 1, October 29, November 26, December 3, December 10 and December 17

On all these days there will be entertainment and special activities.

Today, April 2, there will be a big "Thai-Chi" presentation. This will take place in front of Bon Bini Bazaar

MAMBO asks for everyone's understanding when transiting the mainstreet and to take good notice when walking thru the construction site.

Many businesses will have their backdoor open to facilitate access to their stores.

MAMBO is counting on everyone's support for the mainstreet businesses.

Wilders announces anti-Mohammed film

Freedom Party leader Geert Wilders is planning to make a follow up to his anti-Qur'an film Fitna. This time he will focus on the Muslim prophet Mohammed.

The controversial MP announced yesterday that his film on "the barbaric life and the sick mind of Mohammed" will come out in 2012.

Earlier this week, Mr Wilders said he wanted a public debate on the prophet. He thinks such a debate would provide support for Muslims across the whole world who want to leave the religion. He

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says reading the Qur'an and looking at the life of Mohammed has made him aware that Islam is "dangerous."

Mr Wilders believes a debate is needed, because people who want to leave Islam risk their lives. He thinks ex-Muslims are heroes who deserve support.

He says, "It's time we help these people by exposing Mohammed." In the article, he suggests that Mohammed suffered from a brain tumour which made him hallucinate and that he wrote down his hallucinations down as visions.

Aruba bracing itself for higher utility bills

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The directors claim that the decision to increase tariffs was a very difficult one to take, and was taken only after long and intense deliberations in consultation with the government and Utilities NV. It was decided to increase the tariffs of both water and electricity as of the first of April (yesterday!). Water will be increased from Afls 10.15 to Afls. 11.30 per m3, which is an increase of 11%. Electricity on the other hand will be increased from Afls.42.1 to Afls.48.2 cents per KWh, which is an increase of 13.3%!

These increases are directly linked to the 30% increase of Fuel Oil since October 2010.

The Aruba utility companies have reportedly taken several measures to reduce their dependence on Fuel Oil, which, they claim, have already borne fruit. In 2006 they introduced phase 1 of the Recip project and in 2008 they introduced phase 2 of the Recip project as well as phase 1 of the SWRO project. These three projects enabled them to reduce the consumption of Fuel Oil by an average from 6.166 barrels per day to 5.635 barrels per day. In De-

ember 2009 they erected the wind mills which helped reduce Fuel Oil consumption to an average of 4.922 barrels per day.

Currently there are two new projects under construction, phase 3 of the Recip project and phase 2 of the SWRO project which will mean further reduction of their dependence on Fuel Oil. By May 2012 when these projects are completed the consumption of Fuel Oil will drop to an average of 3.747 barrels per day. This will mean a substantial reduction of about 40% which is expected within as little as six years.

Unfortunately, the consumer has not benefitted from the above cited reduction in the consumption of Fuel Oil simply because of the steep increase of Fuel Oil on the international market during the very same time period.

Without any of the projects implemented the current tariff for electricity (calculated on the basis of the price of US\$90 per barrel of Fuel Oil) would have been 23% p/KW higher and the price of water would have been 10% higher p/m3! Oooowch!

Great food, fine wines at Aruba Culinary Festival - Monday, April 4 at Divi Links

DIVI LINKS -- For an exciting taste of Aruba and cultural experience, the Aruba Culinary Festival takes place on the first Monday of every month at the scenic outdoor plaza at Divi Links (below Mulligan's). The next festival will be held on Monday, April 4, from 6 - 8 pm.

To give you an idea of our tasty tidbits, our March event featured savory signature dishes of restaurants of the Aruba Gastronomic Association. These included Amazonia's Filet mignon with bacon, Garlic picanha, Chorizo served with sides of yucca, plantain and polenta; Aqua Grill's West Indian fish cake with roasted Creole sauce; Driftwood's Fresh catch of the day in Creole sauce with pan bati (local corn bread); French Steak House's Giorgio's Beef stroganoff on a bed of fettuccine; Gasparito's chicken or seafood, keshi yena choices and Mild, fall-off-the-bone spare ribs; Mulligan's Seafood paella; La Trattoria El Faro Blanco's Cheese-filled tortellini with unique pomodoro sauce; The Old Man and the Sea's Sauteed diced oysters, shrimp and fish on the half-shell topped with

hollandaise as well as Fresh catch of the day in papaya sauce; and Windows on Aruba Cheesecake with red fruit sauce. The April event promises a menu just as delicious!

Restaurants of the Aruba Gastronomic Association (AGA) will serve their tempting signature dishes. Arion Wine Company will pour its fine international vintages. Local artisans and live music will lend an authentic Aruban touch.

Savor the international flavors of AGA and Divi restaurants such as Amazonia, Aqua Grill, Driftwood, French Steak House, Gasparito, Giorgio's, La Trattoria El Faro Blanco, Mulligan's, The Old Man & the Sea and Windows on Aruba. Enjoy the fine wines of Arion Trading Company.

Admission of US \$ 18.00 (Awg. 30,-) includes 4 food tickets plus 2 wine (or beer) tickets (or 4 soft drink tickets). Buy tickets at door. Limited seating.

The Aruba Culinary Festival, perfect for locals as well as tourists, is sponsored by Divi Resorts and the Aruba Gastronomic Association.

Great food, fine wines, fun

ambiance, wonderful music, scenic venue...a perfect evening awaits you!

The Aruba Culinary Festival will take place on the first Monday of every month. Next month's event will take place on May 2.

For more information, contact Aruba Gastronomic Association at 586 1266 or 592 6244.

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Buckle up

With signature sponsorship from RBTT Bank Art Rules Aruba returns!

The dynamic duo of twin sisters Ayra and Ira Kip, who spent their early teens on Aruba, created quite a splash during the summer of 2010 when they introduced Art Rules Aruba, an intensive summer program for 250 island youth with workshops conducted in seven art disciplines by visiting instructors of international repute.

The Kip sisters are back for the second edition of Art Rules Aruba, and yesterday Ayra signed the signature sponsorship agreement with Edna Farro, President of RBTT Bank, at their main office. Ayra reports she is thrilled by this important show of support by the bank, and it is in keeping with their policy of developing island youth, and so the community.

Last year, the program was



Edna Farro and Ayra Kip signing the agreement

- Poetry and Rap
- Filmmaking

This year, Painting and Art and Design will be added to the roster, which Ayra admitted is due to feedback from the

for Aruban youth ages 14 to 25 will be posted for downloading at midnight, April 15. Application will be accepted for one month. Ayra strongly recommends interested parties to fill in the forms and return them as quickly as possible, as they were astounded by last year's response, and unfortunately had to turn some away. The program cost 200 Aruban florins, (\$115) which includes transport, and material fees. Classes will begin on July 18, preceded by a welcome party at the Aruba Surfside Marina on Friday, July 15. There will be a final gala production showcasing the work of all the workshops at the Cas di Cultura on Saturday, July 31.

Another interesting addition to the ARA program is a commemorative project dedicated to the celebration of Aruba's 25th anniversary of "Status Aparte," – the island achieving autonomous rule within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Participants will be asked to submit designs for memorial to the event, one of which may very possibly become a permanent part of Aruba's landscape.

by Rosalie Klein



Cye Wong Loi Sing with young photography students

comprised of 2 weeks of workshops in:

- Theater
- Fashion
- Photography
- Dance
- Music Production and "Dj-ing"

students in courses they would prefer to see as part of the curriculum. Nearly all of the instructors from London, Amsterdam, New York, Washington DC, Rotterdam and Ottawa, Canada will be returning for Art Rules Aruba 2011.

The website www.artrulesaruba.com is now online, and applications



Young fashion design students prepare their garments



Richard Mkoloma with fashion design students

Experience the taste of local cucumber



As it is already known, now islanders can enjoy fresh cucumber cultivated on Aruba, with our own water, sun and fresh air. All this happens at Nos Cunucu -The Land Farm. Proprietor Ari Lichtenstein has a dream - for our community to enjoy fresh vegetables cultivated on our own soil; high quality vegetables from our soil to our plates.

In the past weeks we heard a lot of Nos Cunucu on the radio or read about it in the media. Many experienced the joy of tasting this delicious vegetable, which, is already available at all big supermarkets on the island. Many local restaurants and hotels are using

these produce in their dishes.

Nos Cunucu is already in the process of cultivating and harvesting other produce, such as tomatoes, melons and apples, all at affordable prices.

Cucumber is a very nutritious vegetable; it contains Vitamin A, Niacin Trace, Vitamin C. Calcium, Iron, Phosphorus, Potassium and much more. Just ask at your local supermarket for fresh cucumber of Nos Cunucu or look for the logo. Supermarkets and restaurants can call any time to place their orders.

For more information readers may call at tel. 585-5231 or 592-5123.

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De Palm's coastal environmental initiatives, a success

Twelve months ago, De Palm Tours, Aruba's largest tours and transportation company made a commitment to care for the Alto Vista chapel and its environs.

The chapel and its surrounding natural garden are a historical site, and a national heritage landmark.

Located on the island's North Shore the Alto Vista chapel is flanked by five, equally popular and charming inlets – bocas in Papiamentu, which are frequented by locals and visitors, on island tours.

Answering the call of the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association's Environmental Committee, De Palm Tours pledged time and resources for a



monthly clean up of that off-the-beaten-path area from Boca Grandi to Bocas Pos, one kilometer to the north and one kilometer to the south of the

chapel, and along the coastline.

That wind-swept coast serves as the ocean's deposit for floating marine debris, plastic, bottles, and driftwood brought in by the currents of the Caribbean seas, and deposited on the shore.

While driftwood, shells and coral washed in by the ocean are welcome, plastic and glass is not!

Thus De Palm Tours made the decision to shoulder this corporate responsibility, with an appeal to its own employees.

Not surprisingly, the response for the past year has been enthusiastic, resulting in 20 to 30 employees with family members in tow signing



up for the task each time, with the company's Green Team, entrusted with the organization and logistics, at the helm.

Twelve months later, De Palm Tours reports considerable success. More than 600 bags of debris have been lifted from the area, and over time four of the bocas were scoured and the fifth will be receiving its clean bill of health by the already-scheduled, April cleanup.

The Chapel's garden, has also received much attention from lawn mowers and weed whackers, now boasting trimmed bushes and pruned trees, maintained in their natural state. They are all indige-

nous plants, lined by natural rock and driftwood decorations.

Visitors and locals may now enjoy an improved vista, at Alto Vista, courtesy of De Palm Tours.

A company spokesperson reports that De Palm Tours will continue to take care of the Alto Vista Chapel and the adjacent bocas for years to come, hoping to serve as an example in the community inspiring other companies, schools, or extended families to join in and adopt their own piece of paradise, as the efforts benefit the island and prove that clean ups just one boca at the time, can make a huge difference!!



Sci-Tech

Affectiva technology taps into people's emotions

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) – Computers may soon understand people better than their spouses do, courtesy of innovations from startup Affectiva that expand on groundbreaking sensing research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Affectiva co-founder and MIT professor Rosalind Picard showed off the fledgling firm's feelings-sensing applications at a Web 2.0 Expo that ended Thursday in San Francisco.

"Feelings are complicated," she said. "Now, we can begin to measure them and learn."

Affectiva technology enables computers powering websites to scan web camera imagery for facial expressions, eye movements, and gestures that provide clues to emotional reactions to anything from film scenes, to game action or ads.

"It is getting past wishful thinking and wondering to understanding what is really going on, and that makes it much more actionable," Picard told AFP.

"We all have trouble reading emotional cues when we are on the Web," she contin-

ued. "Everybody who has been there for a while has been misunderstood at some time."

People with Web cameras connected to computers were invited to try the technology by viewing a set of ads online at an "Interactive: Analyze Your Smile" page at forbes.com.

Picard provided a glimpse at a "Q Sensor" that can be strapped to a wrist or ankle to assess when people are excited or bored. The sensor measures electricity being conducted through the skin to determine arousal.

A research version of the Q Sensor was available, with a consumer model due out by the end of the year.

"There are therapists using this, there are parents using this, we had a lawyer buy one the other day to measure his own stress," Picard said as she pointed to a Q Sensor on her wrist.

"Anywhere there is emotion, there is an application."

Affectiva has built prototype eyeglasses with a small camera and other technology in the frames.

Wearers engaged in conversations are signaled with tiny green, yellow, or red

lights when they are being captivating, losing a companion's attention, or should simply shut up, according to Picard.

Research that led to the startup came from efforts to read the feelings of people with autism or other conditions that rendered them unable to effectively use words to communicate.

"We can't replace all the words they want, but at least we can read if their frustration levels going up and they are ready to explode," Picard said.

"I just saw that we could make a difference in people's lives with something to help them be better understood," she continued. "That is what we are really after."

Picard also envisions Affectiva technology helping people to better understand themselves and avoid situations like "buyer's remorse" by letting their true feelings govern a purchasing decision.

"This is going to be amazing for the science," Picard said. "We could really finally understand what the heck is going on with how people communicate emotionally."

Spanish scientists search for fuel of the future

ALICANTE, Spain (AFP) – In a forest of tubes eight metres high in eastern Spain scientists hope they have found the fuel of tomorrow: bio-oil produced with algae mixed with carbon dioxide from a factory.

Almost 400 of the green tubes, filled with millions of microscopic algae, cover a plain near the city of Alicante, next to a cement works from which the CO2 is captured and transported via a pipeline to the "blue petroleum" factory.

The project, which is still experimental, has been developed over the past five years by Spanish and French researchers at the small Bio Fuel Systems (BFS) company.

At a time when companies are redoubling their efforts to find alternative energy sources, the idea is to reproduce and speed up a process which has taken millions of years and which has led to the production of fossil fuels.

"We are trying to simulate the conditions which existed

millions of years ago, when the phytoplankton was transformed into oil," said engineer Eloy Chapuli. "In this way, we obtain oil that is the same as oil today."

The microalgae reproduces at high speed in the tubes by photosynthesis and from the CO2 released from the cement factory.

Every day some of this highly concentrated liquid is extracted and filtered to produce a biomass that is turned into bio-oil.

The other great advantage of the system is that it is a depollutant -- it absorbs the CO2 which would otherwise be released into the atmosphere.

"It's ecological oil," said the founder and chairman of BFS, French engineer Bernard Stroiazzo-Mougin, who worked in oil fields in the Middle East before coming to Spain.

"We need another five to 10 years before industrial production can start," said Stroiazzo-Mougin, who hopes to be able to develop another such project on the

Portuguese island of Madeira.

"In a unit that covers 50 square kilometres, which is not something enormous, in barren regions of southern Spain, we could produce about 1.25 million barrels per day," or almost as much as the daily export of oil from Iraq, he said.

BFS, a private company, hopes to negotiate "with several countries to obtain subsidies for the installation of artificial oil fields," he said.

Other similar projects being studied in other parts of the world.

In Germany, the Swedish energy group Vattenfall last year launched a pilot project in which algae is used to absorb carbon dioxide from a coal-fired power plant.

US oil giant ExxonMobil plans to invest up to \$600 million in research on oil produced from algae.

Companies, in particular those in the aeronautic sector, have shown keen interest in this research, hoping to find a replacement for classic oil.

Google gets into April Fool's with 'Gmail Motion'

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Google joined in the April Fool's pranks on Friday with the release of a new product called "Gmail Motion" that supposedly lets users send and receive emails using only gestures.

Gmail product manager Paul McDonald, in a deadpan explanatory video, said Gmail Motion uses a "language of movements that replaces type entirely" and ends reliance on "outdated technologies" like the keyboard and mouse.

"Using your computer's camera and a spacial tracking algorithm, Gmail Motion interprets physical movement and turns it into actionable commands," McDonald said. "The movements are designed to be intuitive, ergonomic and easy to do."

In the video, a "Googler" demonstrates how Gmail Motion works, pointing backwards with one thumb, for

example, to reply to an email message and using two thumbs to "reply all."

The video also includes an interview with a "Lorraine Klayman," presented as an "environmental movement specialist at Nevada Polytechnic College."

"Gmail Motion will free the regular user from the constraints that modern society and our interfaces with our machines have put on the human body," she says.

A link on Google's home page directs a user to the blog post explaining Gmail Motion, which promises to "turn your email into a true body of work."

Google is renowned for its April Fool's jokes, which over the years have included job applications for positions on the Moon and the revelation that its Internet search rankings are compiled by pigeons.

Bat deaths could cost US economy billions: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Call them creepy little creatures if you like, but insect-munching bats are so valuable to US agriculture that their deaths could cost the economy billions of dollars per year, experts said Thursday.

A fungal disease known as white nose syndrome, combined with the rise in wind turbines which can ensnare the dark fliers, have killed off more than a million of the bug predators in North America since 2006.

Their deaths mean the elimination of an important natural pesticide which is

worth at least 3.7 billion dollars per year to farmers, said the study by US and South African researchers in the journal Science.

"Without bats, crop yields are affected. Pesticide applications go up," said Gary McCracken, head of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

"Even if our estimates were quartered, they clearly show how bats have enormous potential to influence the economics of agriculture and forestry."



This undated photo courtesy of the US Fish & Wildlife Service shows Sockeye salmon. According to new research at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Sockeye salmon in the Fraser River are facing such critically warm water in the summer that populations will either have to adapt or die as climate change pushes temperatures even higher. (AFP PHOTO)

Health & Living

Freezing Wrinkles a Possible Alternative to Botox



-- A new technology that temporarily zaps away forehead wrinkles by freezing the nerves shows promise in early clinical trials, researchers say.

The technique, if eventually approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, could provide an alternative to Botox and Dysport. Both are injectable forms of Botulinum toxin type A, a neurotoxin that, when injected in small quantities, temporarily paralyzes facial muscles, thereby reducing wrinkles.

"It's a toxin-free alternative to treating unwanted lines and wrinkles, similar to what is being done with Botox and Dysport," said study co-author Francis Palmer, director of facial plastic surgery at the University of Southern California School of Medicine in Los Angeles. "From the early clinical trials, this procedure -- which its maker calls cryoneuromodulation -- appears to have the

same clinical efficacy and safety comparable to the existing techniques."

To do the procedure, physicians use small needles -- "cryoprobes" -- to deliver cold to nerves running through the forehead, specifically the temporal branch of the frontal nerve, Palmer said. The cold freezes the nerve, which interrupts the nerve signal and relaxes the muscle that causes vertical and horizontal forehead lines.

Although the nerve quickly returns to normal body temperature, the cold temporarily "injures" the nerve, allowing the signal to remain interrupted for some period of time after the patient leaves the office.

The technique does not permanently damage the nerve, Palmer said.

Researchers said they are still refining the technique and could not say how long the effect lasts, but it seems to be comparable to Botox, which works for about three to four months, Palmer said.

Physicians would need training to identify the nerve that should be targeted, he added.

The 15-minute treatment is done using local anesthesia, according to the researchers. The current study only looks at

forehead wrinkles; future research will study the procedure elsewhere on the face, Palmer said.

For the study, researchers tried the technique on 31 people, all of whom had fewer wrinkles after two to eight injections. The most common side effects were headaches and skin redness. The level of discomfort was comparable to that from Botox or fillers, Palmer said.

But unlike Botox, which takes a few days to kick in, the effects of the cryotechnology are seen immediately, the researchers say.

Because this study was presented at a medical meeting, the data and conclusions should be viewed as preliminary until published in a peer-reviewed journal.

Palmer said he didn't see the new technology as a replacement for Botox, but instead as an alternative for people who don't want an injection of a neurotoxin.

The company will eventually seek FDA approval as a medical device. Palmer said the company might first seek approval in Europe.

According to the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, Botox and Dysport injections top their list of non-surgical procedures.

US cancer rates down, survival up: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) -- Cancer rates in the United States declined in the period from 2003 to 2007 while the odds for surviving the disease rose, a government study has shown.

The Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer showed a decline of slightly less than one percent per year for new cancer diagnoses for men and women over the period.

Cancer deaths over the period fell by 1.6 percent annually, according to the report that included contributions from the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the American Cancer Society.

The drop in cancer death rates continues a trend that began in the early 1990s but the report showed that for the first time, lung cancer death

rates decreased in women, more than a decade after rates began dropping in men.

This probably reflects the fact that more women took up smoking while men began to quit, and females have since lowered their tobacco use.

Overall cancer incidence rates in men were essentially unchanged, the report said, citing a small uptick in prostate cancer rates that offset lower rates of other cancers.

Childhood cancer incidence rates -- in those age 19 or younger -- increased while death rates in this age group decreased.

"It is gratifying to see the continued steady decline in overall cancer incidence and death rates in the United States -- the result of improved methods for preventing, detecting, and treating

several types of cancer," said Harold Varmus, director of the National Cancer Institute.

The report also indicated that in men, incidence rates have declined for cancers of the lung, colon and rectum, oral cavity and pharynx, stomach, and malignant brain tumors while rates have risen for kidney, pancreas and liver cancers, as well as melanoma of the skin.

In women, the study found a decline in breast, lung, colorectal, uterine, cervical, bladder, and oral cavity cancers, but increases for kidney, pancreas, and thyroid cancers as well as for leukemia and melanoma.

Cancer death rates were highest among black men and black women, but this group also showed the largest decline for the period between 1998 and 2007 compared with other racial groups.

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Autism

Autism is one of a group of serious developmental problems called autism spectrum disorders (ASD) that appear in early childhood -- usually before age 3. Though symptoms and severity vary, all autism disorders affect a child's ability to communicate and interact with others.



While there is no cure for autism, intensive, early treatment can make a big difference in the lives of many children with the disorder

Symptoms

1-Social skills ;

- Fails to respond to his or her name
- Has poor eye contact
- Appears not to hear you at times
- Resists cuddling and holding
- Appears unaware of others' feelings
- Seems to prefer playing alone -- retreats into his or her "own world"

2-Language ;

- Starts talking later than age 2, and has other developmental delays by 30 months
- Loses previously acquired ability to say words or sentences
- Doesn't make eye contact when making requests
- Speaks with an abnormal tone or rhythm -- may use a singsong voice or robot-like speech
- Can't start a conversation or keep one going
- May repeat words or phrases verbatim, but doesn't understand how to use them

3.Behavior ;

- Performs repetitive movements, such as rocking, spinning or hand-flapping
- Develops specific routines or rituals
- Becomes disturbed at the slightest change in routines or rituals
- Moves constantly
- May be fascinated by parts of an object, such as the spinning wheels of a toy car
- May be unusually sensitive to light, sound and touch and yet oblivious to pain

Young children with autism also have a hard time sharing experiences with others. When read to, for example, they're unlikely to point at pictures in the book.

As they mature, some children with autism become more engaged with others and show less marked disturbances in behavior. Some, usually those with the least severe problems, eventually may lead normal or near-normal lives.

Most children with autism are slow to gain new knowledge or skills, and some have signs of lower than normal intelligence. Other children with autism have normal to high intelligence. These children learn quickly yet have trouble communicating, applying what they know in everyday life and adjusting in social situations

Rotaract Club of Aruba present Fiesta Rotaria 2011

Visit the "Aruban Delights Stand" on April 3



ORANJESTAD – This Sunday, April 3, the annual Fiesta Rotaria will take place around the Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad. The Aruban Delights Stand will be again offering everyone a varied assortment of sweets and snacks; preparations are already in full swing.

Rotaract Club of Aruba is an organization of young professionals and advanced students. The service club, together with those of Bonaire and Curacao, is grouped with the eastern part of Venezuela region under District 4370 of Rotary international. The Aruba club stands out on the district level not only for receiving the most coveted prize for Outstanding Community Service but also for Best Project done in conjunction with other district clubs.

During the Fiesta Rotaria the club raises funds to finance projects throughout the year. The biggest one is the Back to

School Project, an event that takes place during the summer vacation.

Rotaract Club of Aruba invites all young professionals and advanced students between the age of 18 and 30 who are interested in volunteering to improve our community, locally and internationally, develop their personal and professional qualities, and share rewarding camaraderie and friendships, to visit their website www.rotaractclubaruba.org for more information regarding the club's activities.

Rotaract Club of Aruba also invites everyone to enjoy Sunday's Fiesta Rotaria and the Aruban Delight Stand, which will be open from 9:00 a.m., while simultaneously helping them help Aruba.

Rotaract Club of Aruba would like to thank all organizations and volunteers who have contributed to this year's Aruban Delight Stand.

Irma and Lyndon say 'I do' with gorgeous Aruba sunset as witness

Irma L Sequera and Lyndon T Cohen met nine years ago. Following please find the story as written by the bride and groom

"We have vacationed on the Island of Aruba twice prior to getting married. Lyndon lives in New York City, USA and is an Architect and Irma Lives in Caracas, Venezuela, and teaches English. It is an easy commute to Aruba from our respective cities. We love the very relaxed, informal atmosphere of the Island. When we want privacy and quiet we stay at the Amsterdam Manor. We love the hotels architectural style and the lighting during the night; it becomes our private little castle out of fairy tale book, it makes us feel very romantic, Irma is my Princess. Across the street from the hotel we discovered a pair of beautiful fofoti trees that sit on the beach (We call them, his and hers). We have spent a lot of time by these two unique trees at sunset, sipping wine and taking photos and enjoying the Aruban sunset. The Fofoti trees are an enchanting location for us; when we decided to get married summer 2010 we both agreed the fofoti trees would be the perfect place for our beach ceremony."

The best man is Lyndon and Irma's Brussels Griffon dog named Happy. Aruba is dog friendly, so how can you go wrong getting married on Aruba, also known as one Happy Island.

28 family members came to Aruba from both Venezuela and the USA

"We were introduced to a beautiful young lady named



she immediately recommended we contact Lissy Lampe, a Wedding Coordinator.

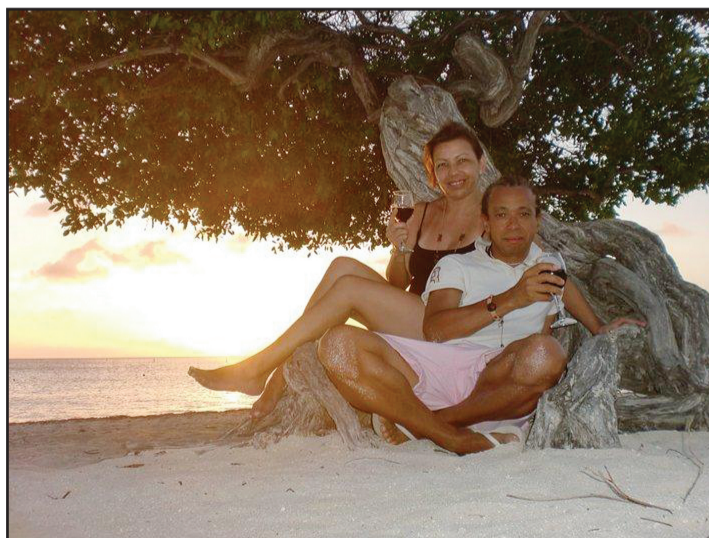
"We corresponded with Lissy Lampe mostly thru email and had two brief conversa-

ceremonies; she handled on our behalf submitting all legal documents and the planning for both the Civil and Beach Ceremony including decorations, transportation, chairs and sand ceremony and a hundred other tiny details that novices like ourselves would never know to do.

"We are elated to have had Lissy and Anne handle all the behind scene planning for us, all they required of us was to show up for the wedding. They are both very caring and true professionals in their chosen vocations, all events happened without flaws including the gorgeous Aruba sunset.

"We look forward to many future visits to Aruba and sipping wine under our favourite his and hers Fofoti trees.

"We thank all involved for giving us a memorable wedding day, family and new friends including Lissy and Anne and especially the gracious people of Aruba for embracing and making us feel welcome."



Anne Maduro while staying at the Amsterdam Manor, she helped give us some ideas for a Beach Ceremonies. Anne's enthusiasm made us confident that our ceremony idea would work and without hesitation

tions on the phone. We requested a simple informal elegant ceremony and that's exactly what Lissy provided, it was perfection. We cannot thank Lissy enough for a stress free process leading up to the

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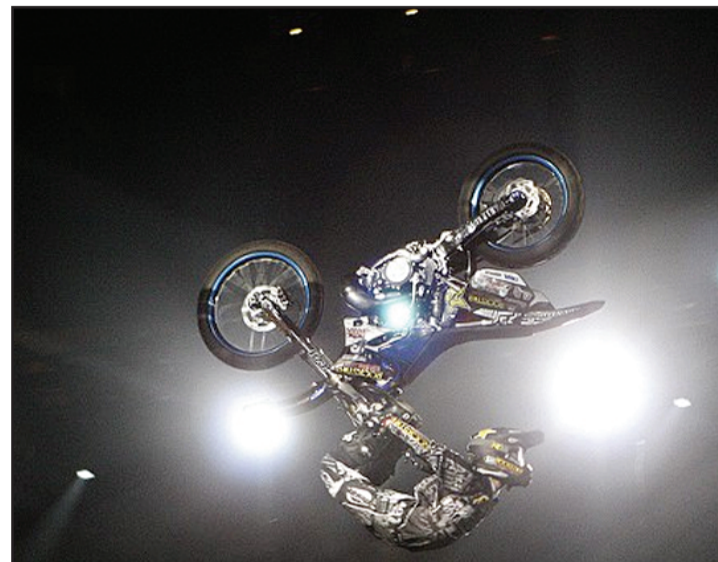
Thrills and hopefully no spills comes to Aruba with the first Freestyle MX show



Organizers of the Aruba FMX show

A group of local motocross athletes and enthusiasts are bringing what promises to be a spectacular and pulse-pounding display to Aruba on May 6, 7, & 8 with the first Aruba Freestyle MX Show. They welcomed press to Hard Rock Café on Thursday afternoon to provide details and reveal that renowned celebrity performers Matthew Buyten, Jimmy Fitzpatrick Julian D'usseau and Kenny Bell will be headlining the show, which will

take place at the Joe Laveist Ballpark in San Nicolas. The stadium is to be completely refitted with a special quad-racer track, as well as equipment brought from the states required for the amazing acrobatics performed on motorcycle that have thrilled audiences around the world. Kenny Bell and Jimmy Fitzpatrick are veterans of the famous Nuclear Cowboyz FMX group and Matthew Buyten has been described as "the most exciting thing to



Nuclear Cowboyz

able to follow the action closely and provide "slo-mo" replays. Additional bleachers will be installed at the Joe Laveist Ballpark to accommodate the audience, and there will be several stands selling snacks and refreshments from major sponsor, Balashi Beer and Tropical Bottling of Aruba. George's Cycles, distributors of Yamaha on Aruba, is another principal sponsor. Tickets went on sale on April 1 and are available at

all Valero Stations, Welcome Snack, House of Cakes and X-Cycles in Savaneta and X-Cycles. Pre-sale price is 35 Aruban florins (\$20 U.S.) or 45 Aruban florins at the door. There will be variations in the show each night; Friday and Saturday, show starts at 8:00 PM and on Sunday, 7:00 PM. VIP tickets can be purchased by calling 594-6906 and promoters promise discounts for packages encompassing entrance for two nights or all performances.

by Rosalie Klein



Julian D'usseau

happen to FMX since it first became popular." The shows are noted for their remarkable choreography of driving music, pyrotechnics and laser light show combined with the breathtaking performances of the daring and fearless bikers. 3 giant LED screens will be erected around the stadium for audiences in all seats to be



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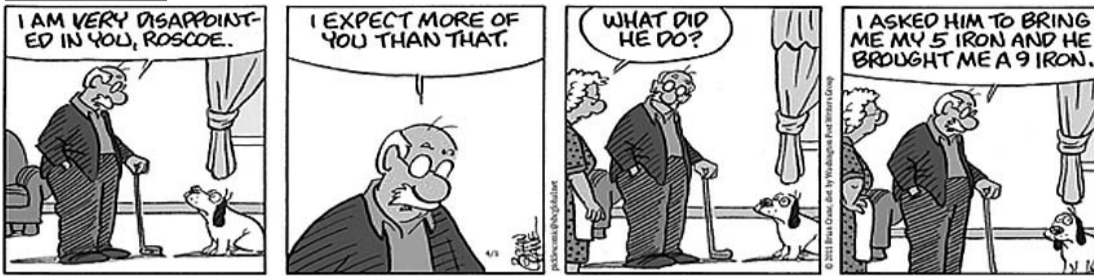
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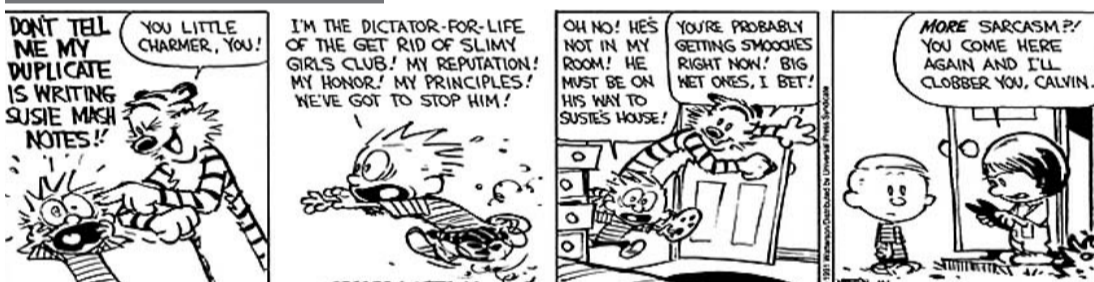
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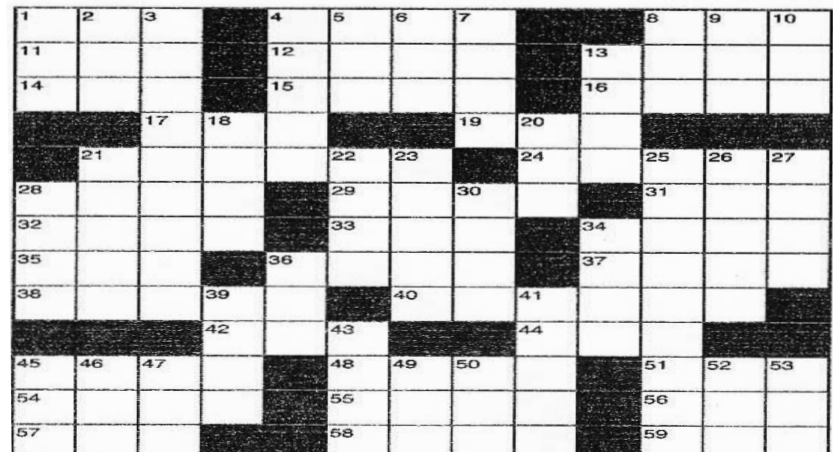
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Oil prices hit new 2.5-year peaks in New York
LONDON, (AFP) - New York oil prices surged to the highest level in two-and-a-half years as Libyan dictator Moamer Kadhafi's forces regained ground against rebels. Libya, a key crude exporting nation in the Middle East and North Africa region, has seen its oil output slashed by violent unrest. Commodity markets also reacted to a key employment report in the United States, which is a major consumer of raw materials. The US unemployment rate fell to a two-year low of 8.8 percent in March as the private sector pumped out jobs, official data showed Friday, signalling recovery in the troubled market. It was the lowest jobless rate since March 2009 thanks to stronger private job creation, the Labor Department reported. OIL: New York's light sweet crude spiked Friday to \$107.93 per barrel -- the highest level since late September 2008. The market won support as Libyan rebels battled Moamer Kadhafi's forces at the oil town of Brega, while the West backed off from arming the rag-tag fighters and pushed for a political solution instead.

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US officials to visit Mexico for Gulf oil talks
WASHINGTON, (AFP) - Interior Secretary Ken Salazar is scheduled to visit Mexico on Monday for talks on oil and gas operations in the Gulf of Mexico, US officials said. The visit is part of "an ongoing discussion regarding the safe and responsible development of oil and gas resources" in the Gulf, a statement from the interior department said Friday. Salazar will travel with ex-Florida senator Bob Graham and William Reilly, both of whom served as co-chairs for the national commission investigating last year's BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The US group will meet with Mexican government officials and "leaders from the oil and gas industry," the statement read. Oil is Mexico's main source of foreign income, contributing to around 40 percent of government revenues. Petroleos Mexicanos (PEMEX), the state-owned oil giant, said in March that it is seeking to increase exploration in the Gulf of Mexico. The Gulf disaster was set off when the Deepwater Horizon, a rig which BP leased to drill at the Macondo well, exploded on April 20, 2010, killing 11 workers and unleashing more than 205 million gallons of oil into the waters.

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Wind power in Spain reaches historic high

MADRID, Spain (AFP) - Wind power became Spain's main source of electricity for the first time ever this month, in a country renowned for its focus on renewable energy, the power-generating authority REE said.

"Wind farms accounted for 21 percent of demand and reached a monthly record," 5.0 percent more than in March 2010, it said in a statement.

Overall, renewable energy provided 42.2 percent of electricity demand, a figure that was down 48.5 percent in March 2010, REE said.

Hydro energy accounted for 17.3 percent during the month, solar energy 2.6 percent, nuclear 19 percent and coal-powered electricity 12.9 percent.

"With wind energy production in March, we could



Wind turbines are pictured in La Veleta wind park, in Monasterio de Rodillo, near Burgos. Wind power became Spain's main source of electricity for the first time ever this month.

cover the monthly electricity consumption of a country the

size of Portugal," the country's association of wind farms, AEE, said in a statement.

"This historic milestone reached by wind energy shows that this energy source, as well as being indigenous, clean and increasingly competitive, is also capable of providing three million Spanish households," said AEE president Jose Donoso.

AEE said the growth in wind energy was "the main reason why 2010 was the first year in which Spain was a (net) exporter of electricity along with France."

Spain was the fourth largest producer of wind energy in 2009 due to the government's policy of supporting the sector in recent years.

Nasdaq, ICE bid to buy New York Stock Exchange

NEW YORK (AFP) - US securities exchanges Nasdaq and ICE joined forces Friday to make an \$11.3 billion bid for NYSE Euronext, putting a spoiler on a rival bid to create the world's biggest exchange.

Moving to secure their own futures as exchanges around the world consolidate, Nasdaq and the Intercontinental Exchange offered NYSE shareholders 19 percent more per share than a rival bid from Deutsche Boerse.

The deal would see markets in Brussels, Paris, Amsterdam, Lisbon and New York change hands, while keeping Wall Street's fabled exchange under US ownership.

The \$42.50 per share cash-and-stock bid for NYSE "represents a superior proposal to the Deutsche Boerse takeover proposal," Nasdaq and ICE said in a joint statement.

Their bid "offers greater long-term value for stockholders by putting existing businesses under managements recognized for integration capabilities and efficiency."

If the bid is successful,



NYSE Euronext would be broken up, with its Liffe derivatives business going to ICE while Nasdaq OMX -- best known for trading the world's leading technology firms -- would take its stock markets in New York, Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam and Lisbon.

The bid is also a play to US nationalist sentiment, after the Deutsche Boerse move sparked complaints that the NYSE big Board, an icon of American capitalist might known to television viewers around the world for its hectic trading floor, would come under control of foreigners.

Deutsche Boerse and NYSE Euronext announced February 15 that they would merge to create the world's

biggest exchange by revenues.

While both parties emphasized a merger of equals, the new, Netherlands-incorporated firm would be owned 60 percent by existing Deutsche Boerse shareholders and 40 percent by NYSE Euronext shareholders, and the German side would dominate the new board.

Nasdaq chief executive Robert Greifeld emphasized that their deal would better benefit American investors.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban res- tau-

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cui-



Keshi Yena with plantains & vegetables

rant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

sine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled with Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

Buster's Garage in South Beach Center: One place for the whole family family

Buster's Garage, a New York City landmark, made its way to Aruba about a year ago, and found a new home at the South Beach Center across from the Radisson Resort. Dedicated to the sports fanatic, the spacious but homey interior is the perfect place to keep up with your favorite team and have a great meal.

Fun for all the family, Buster's has typical sport bar fare such as chicken wings, quesadillas, calamari rings for munching while watching the main event on 24 giant plasma screens. Every seat is good seat for catching all the action. Open from noon for lunch or dinner, it has plenty of distractions for the younger crowd, including foosball, and a video arcade, so Mom and Dad can relax and enjoy their meal.

The moderately priced menu includes all your favorite finger foods and a great selection of local and imported beers. Customer reviews gave Buster's Garage 4.5 stars out of 5 on yellow-pages-aruba.com; one declared "my wife and I happened to stumble upon it -but what a find!" Another stated "Owner Rusty is so down to earth. The food was very good and the prices were outstanding for the High-Rise area. Aruba needed a place like this."

Buster's regularly organizes special events with live music. At 10 p.m. it turns into a cozy adult hangout; 18 years and over only allowed, with a DJ on duty nightly and boasting the only beerpong table on Aruba. Aside from a great place to root for the home team or your favorites during playoffs and championships, they regularly carry



all UFC fights & WWE events.

Buster's is a great place where island visitors and res-

idents mix and mingle; Monday to Thursday they close at 2:00 a.m., weekends at 4:00 a.m.

Knocking knees betray William's pre-wedding nerves

RAF VALLEY, Wales – Britain's Prince William has admitted to feeling nervous and daunted as he looks forward to his wedding to Kate Middleton in four weeks' time.

However, William, son of heir-to-the-throne Prince Charles and the late Princess Diana, said he had managed to "outfox the media" and have a stag party away from the prying eyes of the press.

Asked what was worrying him most about the wedding, William, 28, laughed and said: "The whole thing.

"I was telling everyone I

did the rehearsal the other day and my knees started tapping quite nervously," he told reporters.

"It's quite a daunting prospect but very exciting and I'm thoroughly looking forward to it but there's still a lot of planning to be done in the last four weeks," he added.

During the ceremony, William will place a ring on Middleton's finger but she will not do the same to him, because the prince has decided not to wear a wedding ring once he is married, a royal spokeswoman confirmed.



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URUGUAY, Montevideo : Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez (R) sings alongside Mario Carrero (L), of Uruguayan folk music duo Larbanois-Carrero, during an act at the Faculty of Medicine in Montevideo this week Chavez is in Uruguay on a one-day visit to sign economic agreements.

He's back! Arnie to return as cartoon Governator

LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) – Three months after standing down as California governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger is making a comeback as a cartoon superhero version of himself, the Governator.

The former champion bodybuilder turned Hollywood star -- catchphrase "I'll be Back" -- has teamed up with Marvel comics veteran Stan Lee to create the character that will star in an animated TV show and comic book.

More details will be announced next week, but Schwarzenegger and Lee revealed the plans to Entertainment Weekly, which published details on its website this week.

"The Governator is very simple. It takes my entire career basically, if it is bodybuilding, if it is action movies, if it is the governorship," the famously Austrian-accented 63-year-old told the magazine.

"It takes all those things and combines it into one. That guy is designed to fight crime, to fight natural disasters, this guy will be jumping into action," he added in a

video clip on the weekly's website.

Arnie's new persona will have a fleet of super-vehicles at his disposal in an Arnold Cave under his house and a wardrobe of "Super Suits" to help him fly and perform other stunts.

Ranged against him will be super-villains, including an evil organization called Gangsters Imposters Racketeers Liars & Irredeemable Ex-cons -- or GIRLIE Men for short, after Arnie's infamously politically incorrect phrase for wimps.

"I love the idea of a control center below my house with a path so that boats and submarines can go right into the ocean," Schwarzenegger told the weekly, in his first interview since leaving public life in January.

"In the cartoon, my house is much closer to the beach than where we live, but, you know, it's a cartoon."

The animated TV show and comic book won't be out until next year, but Lee -- co-creator of Spider Man and a raft of other comic superheroes, revealed that it will be based on Schwarzenegger's personal life.

Britons face royal jokes on April Fools' Day

LONDON, England (AFP) – Britons faced a right royal slew of April Fool's jokes Friday, with a leftwing daily pretending to endorse the monarchy and a fake poll saying parents were renaming their children William and Kate.

Just weeks before the marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton, Britons were also asked to believe the opposition Labour Party was holding its own street parties to mark the impending nuptials of leader Ed Miliband.

With the news dominated by the royal wedding, British newspapers and pollsters took the opportunity to poke some light-hearted fun at the mounting enthusiasm.

The left-leaning Guardian newspaper caught readers off-guard with an editorial saying it had dropped its traditional hostility to the royals.

Under the headline "The magic of the monarchy", the



Lookalikes of Kate Middleton (left) and Prince William pose for photographs in central London for the launch of a book entitled 'Kate & Wills Up The Aisle: A Right Royal Fairy Tale' by photographer Alison Jackson.

Guardian said it was "shaking off years of mean-spirited republicanism to acknowledge and celebrate the pivotal role played by the royal family in British national life."

"Few things, after all, are as likely to lift the spirits of

Britain's embattled public sector workers or benefit claimants than the sight of Kate Middleton's sure-to-be spectacular wedding dress," it said.

Comments later in the piece about starting a 24-hour wedding blog and "recalling correspondents from some less newsworthy parts of the globe, such as north Africa" gave the game away.

Meanwhile a "survey" by pollsters ComRes said that 68 percent of people aged 16-18 had applied to St Andrews University in Scotland, where William and Kate met, "to try to find a spouse."

It also said five percent of parents had renamed their children William or Kate, while 55 percent of single women confessed to having Googled "Prince Harry marital status" to check whether William's younger brother was married.

Budget airline easyJet joined the fun, reporting that it had discovered the newlyweds would be spending the first days of their honeymoon in Scotland, after a "Mr and Mrs Wales" bought two flights to Edinburgh.

William's official title is Prince William of Wales.

Shakira donates \$400,000 to rebuild Haiti school



Colombian singer Shakira is greeted by students the Elie Dubois School in the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince.

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AFP) – Colombian pop star Shakira has donated \$400,000 to rebuild a school that was severely damaged in the January 2010 quake that leveled much of the Haitian capital.

The singer signed an agreement with the Inter-American Development Bank, which will match her contribution to rebuild the Elie Dubois school, one of the island's oldest, built in the early 20th century.

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to help you make your dream come true," Shakira told about a hundred students and nuns from the school, speaking in French.

"I would like to tell the girls of the Elie Dubois school that you should seize the opportu-

nity for education," she added, saying she was heartened by the warm reception she had received. The star then performed a brief dance.

The non-profit group Architecture for Humanity will rebuild two of the school's buildings, with a target completion date in 12 to 14 months from now.

"In the name of the children and the government, I would like to thank the IDB and Shakira for their support to the cause of education," said Education Minister Joel Desrosiers Jean-Pierre.

Following the ceremony, a few students performed a dance on a Shakira soundtrack, as the singer joined them on an improvised stage.



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Cricket: Sachin Tendulkar shoulders billion Indian dreams



MUMBAI, India: Indian Cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni (L) and Sri Lankan captain Kumar Sangakkara pose with the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 Trophy at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai yesterday, on the eve of the final match which is to be played today in the city. **AFP/Photo**

MUMBAI, India (AFP) - Sachin Tendulkar goes into Saturday's World Cup final against Sri Lanka with a billion Indians hoping he wins the elusive title with his 100th international century.

Tendulkar will enter his home turf at the Wankhede stadium in Mumbai determined to add the only silverware missing from the collection of the most celebrated cricketer of the modern era.

The Indian star, who turns 38 this month, holds almost all coveted batting records, but not even his individual brilliance could win the ultimate prize in a team sport like cricket.

Playing in his sixth and possibly last World Cup, a record he shares with Pakistan great Javed Miandad, Tendulkar has led from the front to lift India into the final.

His 464 runs in the tournament are just three behind Sri Lankan Tillakaratne Dilshan's 467, and he goes into the title clash one ton away from recording an unprecedented 100 international centuries.

Indian captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni said Tendulkar was not under any extra pressure to deliver.

"The entire country has expected a lot from him for the past 22 years and it will not be any different this time," Dhoni said.

"He does not have to prove anything to anyone. There is no point thinking of mile-

stones. He has prepared as well as he does for every match. I am sure he will sleep well tonight and come out fresh tomorrow.

"He is just an amazing person and cricketer. His love and passion for the game is fantastic. His attitude towards cricket has not changed for the last 22 years."

Sri Lankan captain Kumar Sangakkara hoped his team can deny Tendulkar a 100th ton on Saturday.

"We're not here to spoil anything," he said. "Everyone understands the importance of scoring runs in a final, whether it is Sachin or anyone else."

"It's the first time a player could get to 100 hundreds. All of that adds to the expectations for a World Cup final. Our job is to ensure that the India team doesn't score too many runs."

Tendulkar's lucky 85 in Wednesday's semi-final against Pakistan, when he was dropped four times and survived close leg-before and stumping decisions, suggests he was destined to play the final.

"It will be a fantastic occasion," Tendulkar said of the match in his home city. "We will focus on the job in hand and try to get the job done."

Both India and Sri Lanka were battling injuries to key players.

Sri Lanka appear to be the worst hit with star bowler Muttiah Muralitharan struggling to recover from ham-

string and knee injuries while all-rounder Angelo Mathews was ruled out on Friday with a side strain.

Off-spinner Suraj Randiv, who flew to Mumbai as cover along with veteran seamer Chaminda Vaas, has replaced Mathews in the squad.

Muralitharan, the world's leading Test and one-day bowler who turns 39 later this month, will leave international cricket after the final.

Indian seamer Ashish Nehra was ruled out after sustaining multiple fractures in his right hand during the semi-final.

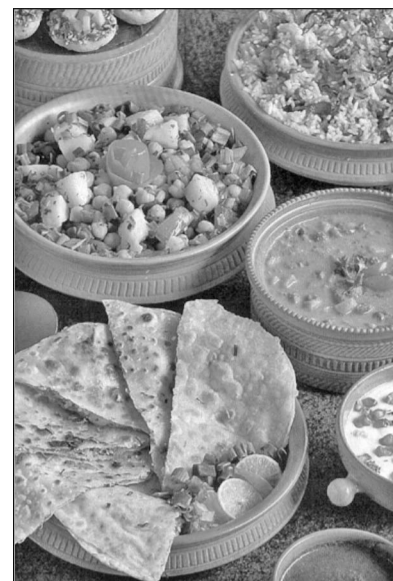
Nehra could be replaced in the playing XI by either off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin or fast bowler Shanthakumaran Sreesanth.

Both teams have won the World Cup once, the Indians in 1983 under Kapil Dev and Sri Lanka in 1996 under Arjuna Ranatunga.

Sri Lanka have prevailed in recent one-dayers against India, winning six of the 10 matches played last year in Dhaka, Harare, Bulawayo and Dambulla.

But India have won five of seven matches against the Islanders on home soil over the last five years.

India will be playing at the refurbished 33,000-capacity Wankhede stadium for the first time, while Sri Lanka know what awaits them having beaten New Zealand by 112 runs in a league match at the ground on March 18.



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Cricket: Sri Lanka's Mathews out of World Cup final



Angelo Davis Mathews

NEW DELHI, India (AFP) - Sri Lanka all-rounder Angelo Mathews was yesterday ruled out of the World Cup final

and has been replaced by Suraj Randiv, the ICC announced.

Off spinner Randiv, who was flown in Thursday as cover, along with veteran seamer Chaminda Vaas, was cleared to join the squad as a replacement player.

Randiv, 26, who made his one-day debut against India in 2009, has taken 22 ODI wickets. He last played when Sri Lanka toured Australia for a one-day series last year.

All-rounder Mathews, 23, picked up a right-side strain while fielding during Tuesday's semi-final win against New Zealand.

FIFA and UEFA suspend Bosnia-Herzegovina

ZURICH, Switzerland (AFP) - Bosnia and Herzegovina was suspended from international and European football Friday after failing to adopt statutes that would lead to a single-member presidency of the country's federation (NSBiH), UEFA and FIFA announced.

European and world footballing chiefs from UEFA and FIFA respectively had demanded that NSBiH's ethnic-based tripartite presidency -- consisting of a Croat, a Muslim and a Serb member -- be replaced by a single president.

FIFA and UEFA released a joint statement Friday which said: "The Football Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FFBH/NSBiH) has been suspended until further notice by FIFA and UEFA as of yesterday, 1 April 2011.

"This decision was necessary as the General Assembly of the FFBH did not adopt the

statutes according to FIFA and UEFA requirements.

Bosnia are currently involved in qualifying for the 2012 European Championships to be held in Poland and Ukraine. They sit in Group D, which is currently topped by France, and their next game is against Romania on June 3.



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Zach Hahn #3 of the Butler Bulldogs rubs the head of mascot Blue II as he walks out to practice prior to the 2011 Final Four of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament at Reliant Stadium on April 2, 2011 in Houston, Texas. In the first semifinal today, eighth-seeded Butler (27-9) will play 11th-seeded VCU (23-11), in a matchup of underdog mid-majors that some might consider more fitting for the Maui Invitational than a Final Four bracket. In the second game, it's No. 3 Connecticut (30-9) vs. No. 4 Kentucky (29-8) in the rematch of a game that really was on the schedule in Maui. UConn won 84-67 back on Nov. 24. A trip to Houston wasn't on anyone's mind back then.

Dodgers fans sought in attack on Giants fan

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Los Angeles police were Friday seeking two men who attacked and critically injured a San Francisco Giants fan in the car park at Dodger Stadium after Thursday's opening-day baseball game.

Los Angeles Police Department Sergeant Sanford Rosenberg said two men wearing Dodgers colors followed three men in Giants gear as they walked to their

car after the Dodgers' 2-1 victory over the reigning World Series champions on Thursday evening.

Rosenberg said the unidentified attackers shouted anti-Giants slurs and kicked and punched the men.

One man suffered a serious head injury, Rosenberg said, and was in hospital in critical but stable condition. His injuries were not life threatening, police said.

This week in baseball

Home run fireworks highlight opening day

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - There were walk-off homers, back-to-back dingers, heart-breaking double plays, hand-warmers and long-sleeve shirts as a dozen Major League Baseball teams suited up for opening day on Thursday.

Ramon Hernandez provided the early fireworks, hitting a two-out three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth as the Cincinnati Reds rallied past the Milwaukee Brewers 7-6.

The World Series champion San Francisco Giants got their defence off to a inauspicious start, losing 2-1 to their National League rival Los Angeles Dodgers in night match.

There were six openers, comprising games in Washington, New York, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Kansas City. The rest of the teams were scheduled to open on Friday, including the Cleveland Indians who had to clear 15 centimetres (six inches) of snow off their field which fell Wednesday night.

Some of the best opening-day drama took place in Cincinnati where the Reds looked down and out against the Brewers before rallying for a big finish.

Milwaukee became the first team in 42 years to open the season with back-to-back homers when Rickie Weeks and Carlos Gomez connected off Edinson Volquez. Ryan Braun also had a solo shot, helping Milwaukee take a 6-3 lead to the ninth.

The Reds began the new season with only the second game-ending homer in Cincinnati opening-day history. In 2005, Joe Randa beat the New York Mets in similar fashion.

In New York, Curtis Granderson hit a go-ahead homer leading off the seventh inning and Mark Teixeira belted a three-run shot off Justin Verlander, lifting New York over the Detroit Tigers 6-3.

C.C. Sabathia pitched six strong innings, Derek Jeter added a sacrifice fly in the seventh inning and closing pitcher Mariano Rivera posted his first save and 560th of his career.

In St. Louis, Cameron

Maybin tied it with a two-out homer in the ninth inning and grounded a single that led to the go-ahead run in the 11th as the San Diego Padres opened with a 5-3 win over the Cardinals.

Cardinals star Albert Pujols grounded into a career-worst three double plays while going zero-for-five. The three-time NL most valuable player cut off contract negotiations at the start of spring training and could be a free agent this fall.



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Djokovic steams into Miami final

MIAMI (AFP) - Novak Djokovic's remarkable run continued Friday as he steamed into the final of the ATP's Miami Masters 1000 with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Mardy Fish.

Djokovic stretched his 2011 winning streak to 23 straight matches and will have a chance to add the Miami crown to the Australian Open, Dubai and Indian Wells Masters 1000 titles captured already this year.

The 23-year-old Serbian, ranked second in the world and seeded second here behind Rafael Nadal, will face either Nadal or third-seeded Swiss Roger Federer in Sunday's final.

In 30 years, only two players have made a better start to a season: American John McEnroe with 39 victories in 1984 and former Czechoslovakian Ivan Lendl with 25 in 1986.

Fish, who will overtake Andy Roddick as the top-ranked American next week, had Djokovic on the defensive early, but couldn't convert two break points.

Then came a rain delay of nearly an hour, time that Djokovic used to regroup.

"I told Mardy at the end I got saved by the rain," Djokovic said. "It really seemed like that. After I went back to the locker room I had 45 minutes to get it together

and I felt much better after I came back to the court."

They resumed with the set level at 2-2, Djokovic serving. He saved a break point, then held with an ace.

The real turning point came at 5-3, as Djokovic served for the set. Fish gave himself a double break point, but couldn't capitalize on either, surrendering the set with a backhand into the net.

The spotlight was all for the men on Friday in this \$9 million men's and women's tournament, with Maria Sharapova and Victoria Azarenka already booked for Saturday's women's final.

Gallas threatens legal action over World Cup bonus

PARIS (AFP) - France international defender William Gallas has threatened to take legal action against the French Football Federation (FFF) unless they pay him his World Cup bonuses, his lawyer told AFP on Friday.

The FFF announced in February that the debate over the France squad's forfeit of their World Cup bonuses was "definitively closed".

The FFF has said that the money, believed to total around three million euros, will be distributed in the amateur game.

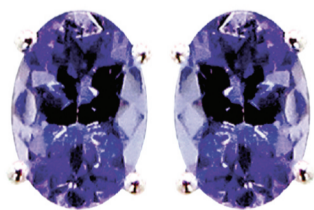
But the two cases which remain unresolved concern Gallas and Chelsea striker Nicolas Anelka, who has said he wants to donate his bonuses to an amateur football association of his choice.

France's players agreed to give up their bonuses after a disastrous World Cup last year that saw them eliminated at the group phase following a strike by the players.

The squad refused to train in protest at the FFF's decision to send home Anelka after he was involved in a clash with coach Raymond Domenech.

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